

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING**

Appended hereto as an attachment is a replacement formal drawing sheet to replace the drawing that was included in the published PCT application. The PCT drawing has been amended to delete the PCT application and publication numbers; to provide identifying legends for the elements represented by numbered boxes 1, 4, and 9; to add lead lines to the reference numerals; and to enlarge and to move the figure number.

Also appended hereto is a copy of the published PCT drawing showing in red the amendments that are reflected on the attached replacement drawing sheet.

**REMARKS**

The substitute specification together with the amended claims and amended drawings place the present U.S. national phase application in better form for examination on the merits.

Also attached hereto is an Abstract of the Disclosure presented on a separate sheet in conformity with the rules of practice.

Based upon the specification, drawing, and claim amendments to this national phase application, it is believed that the amended specification, the amended drawing, and the amended claims conform with U.S. formal requirements.

Additionally, the amended claims as hereinabove presented conform in substance with the corresponding amended claims that were examined in the international application. And based upon the acceptance by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the invention as it was claimed in the amended claims that were presented in the course of the examination of the international application as meeting each of the novelty, the inventive step, and the industrial applicability criteria set forth in the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the claims as amended above are believed to conform both with U.S. formal requirements as well as with U.S. substantive requirements, and they are therefore believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

Should the examiner have any question after considering this Preliminary Amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any

such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Attachment A  
Attachment B  
Abstract of the Disclosure  
Annotated drawing sheet showing the changes  
Replacement drawing sheet including the changes